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1. CHARLES LEVINSON, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CHEMICAL, ENERGY
AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 29
BEFORE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRESS OF THE AUSTRIAN
CHEMICAL WORKERS' UNION MEETING IN VIENNA THAT HE
WOULD BE ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF I.E.
DU PONT DE NEMOURS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH FRG LAWS ON CODETERMINATION. HE
INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION AND KNOWLEDGE
OF CONDITIONS WITHIN THE WORLD OF GIANT INTERNATIONAL
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CHEMICAL FIRMS, WORKER REPRESENTATION IN THE GERAMN
SYSTEM OF CODETERMINATION WOULD THEN BE ON THE
SAME PLANE AS MANAGEMENT, AND THAT SIMILAR
MOVES WOULD NOW BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO OTHER
GERMAN FIRMS.

2. LEVINSON TOLD THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHCE

LATER THAT HE HAD BEEN PLANNING THIS MOVE FOR SOME
TIME IN COOPERATION WITH THE FRG CHEMICAL WORKERS'
UNION AFTER IT WAS DETERMINED THAT FRG LAWS DID

NOT BAR FOREIGNERS AS WORKER REPRESENTATIVES ON
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF FIRMS IN THE FRG.

ACCORDING TO LEVINSON, HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP
OF THE LIST OF CANDIDATES OF CHEMICAL WORKERS FOR THE
DUPONT BOARD AND IT THEREFORE CERTAIN THAT HE
WILL BE ELECTED IN JANUARY 1978.

3. LEVINSON SAID HE WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE NO
MISTAKES IN REPRESENTING WORKER INTERESTS UNDER
THE FRG LAW THAT COULD DISCREDIT HIM OR CODETERMINATION.
HE SAID HE HAD IN FACT TOLD MANAGERS OF GERMAN
DU PONT THAT THEIR PROBLEMS WITH U.S. HEADQUARTERS
WERE LIKELY NOW TO BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN THEIR
PROBLEMS WITH HIM. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD
PULL NO PUNCHES, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO ANY POSSIBLE
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES OF DU PONT LIKE
THOSE HE STRONGLY CRITICIZED IN HIS BOOK, "VODKA-
COLA." ("VODKA-COLA," WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN
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FRENCH IN JUNE AND WILL COME OUT IN ENGLISH
EARLY NEXT YEAR, ATTACKS RELATIONS BETWEEN
AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS,
AS WELL AS U.S. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN
FURTHERANCE OF SUCH RELATIONS.) WOLF

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